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To increase the size of the Big Thicket National Preserve in the State of Texas by adding the Village Creek corridor unit, the Big Sandy corridor unit, and the Canyonlands unit.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAMM introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be referred to as the “Big Thicket Na-
5 tional Preserve Addition Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO THE BIG THICKET NATIONAL PRE-**
2 **SERVE.**

3 (a) ADDITIONS.—Subsection (b) of the first section
4 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the establishment
5 of the Big Thicket National Preserve in the State of
6 Texas, and for other purposes”, approved October 11,
7 1974 (16 U.S.C. 698), hereafter referred to as the “Act”,
8 is amended as follows:

9 (1) Strike out “map entitled ‘Big Thicket Na-
10 tional Preserve’” and all that follows through “Sec-
11 retary of the Interior (hereafter referred to as the
12 ‘Secretary’)” and insert in lieu thereof “map entitled
13 ‘Big Thicket National Preserve’, dated October
14 1992, and numbered 175–80008, which shall be on
15 file and available for public inspection in the offices
16 of the National Park Service, Department of the In-
17 terior, and the offices of the Superintendent of the
18 preserve. After advising the Committee on Energy
19 and Natural Resources of the United States Senate
20 and the Committee on Natural Resources of the
21 United States House of Representatives, in writing,
22 the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter referred to
23 as the ‘Secretary’) may make minor revisions of the
24 boundaries of the preserve when necessary by publi-
25 cation of a revised drawing or other boundary de-
26 scription in the Federal Register. The Secretary”.

1 (2) Strike out “and” at the end of the penul-
2 timate undesignated paragraph relating to Little
3 Pine Island-Pine Island Bayou corridor unit.

4 (3) Strike out the period in the ultimate undes-
5 ignated paragraph relating to Lance Rosier unit and
6 insert in lieu thereof “;”.

7 (4) Add at the end thereof the following:

8 “Village Creek Corridor unit, Hardin County,
9 Texas, comprising approximately four thousand
10 seven hundred and ninety-three acres;

11 “Big Sandy Corridor unit, Hardin, Polk, and
12 Tyler Counties, Texas, comprising approximately
13 four thousand four hundred and ninety-seven acres;
14 and

15 “Canyonlands unit, Tyler County, Texas, com-
16 prising approximately one thousand four hundred
17 and seventy-six acres.”.

18 (b) ACQUISITION.—(1) Subsection (c) of the first sec-
19 tion of such Act is amended by striking out the first sen-
20 tence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “The Sec-
21 retary is authorized to acquire by donation, purchase with
22 donated or appropriated funds, transfer from any other
23 Federal agency, or exchange, any lands, waters, or inter-
24 ests therein which are located within the boundaries of the
25 preserve: *Provided*, That privately owned lands located

1 within the Village Creek Corridor, Big Sandy Corridor,
2 and Canyonlands units may be acquired only with the con-
3 sent of the owner: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
4 may acquire lands owned by commercial timber companies
5 only by donation or exchange: *Provided further*, That any
6 lands owned by the State of Texas, or any political sub-
7 divisions thereof may be acquired by donation only.”.

8 (2) Add at the end of the first section of such Act
9 the following new subsections:

10 “(d) Within sixty days after the date of enactment
11 of this subsection, the Secretary and the Secretary of Ag-
12 riculture shall identify lands within their jurisdiction lo-
13 cated within the vicinity of the preserve which may be suit-
14 able for exchange for commercial timber lands within the
15 preserve. In so doing, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
16 seek to identify for exchange National Forest lands that
17 are near or adjacent to private lands that are already
18 owned by the commercial timber companies. Such Na-
19 tional Forest lands shall be located in the Sabine National
20 Forest in Sabine County, Texas, in the Davy Crockett Na-
21 tional Forest south of Texas State Highway 7, or in other
22 sites deemed mutually agreeable, and within reasonable
23 distance of the timber companies’ existing mills. In exer-
24 cising this exchange authority, the Secretary and the Sec-
25 retary of Agriculture may utilize any authorities or proce-

1 dures otherwise available to them in connection with land
2 exchanges, and which are not inconsistent with the pur-
3 poses of this Act. Land exchanges authorized pursuant to
4 this subsection shall be of equal value and shall be com-
5 pleted as soon as possible, but no later than two years
6 after date of enactment of this subsection.

7 “(e) With respect to the thirty-seven-acre area owned
8 by the Louisiana-Pacific Corporation or its subsidiary,
9 Kirby Forest Industries, Inc., on Big Sandy Creek in Har-
10 din County, Texas, and now utilized as part of the Indian
11 Springs Youth Camp (H.G. King Abstract 822), the Sec-
12 retary shall not acquire such area without the consent of
13 the owner so long as the area is used exclusively as a youth
14 camp.”.

15 (c) PUBLICATION OF BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.—
16 Not later than six months after the date of enactment of
17 this subsection, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal
18 Register a detailed description of the boundary of the Vil-
19 lage Creek Corridor unit, the Big Sandy Corridor unit,
20 and the Canyonlands unit of the Big Thicket National
21 Preserve.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
23 6 of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof
24 the following new sentence: “Effective upon date of enact-
25 ment of this sentence, there is authorized to be appro-

- 1 priated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the
- 2 purposes of subsections (c) and (d) of the first section.”.

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